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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 17-49 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 20-26, 30-35 and 43-49 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 17-19, 27-29 and 36-42 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/639,973.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/21/04, 5/10/05
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The references listed in the Information Disclosure Statement submitted 5/10/05 and 1/21/04 have been considered by the examiner (see attached PTO-1449).

Claim Objections

2. Claim 41 is objected to as being identical to claim 40.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

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5. Claims 17-19, 27-29, 36-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito et al (US Patent No. 6,501,456) in view of Warner (US Patent No. 3,821,724).

Saito teaches an active matrix display device (liquid crystal display apparatus) including scanning circuit having bidirectional shift register stages (20), clock pulse input terminal (25-27), signal switching circuits (23) and digital data signal supply circuits (21) connected in the manner as recited in the claims, but Saito does not expressly teaches having latches in the digital data signal supply circuits (see column 5 line 9 to column 6 line 39).

However, Warner teaches a data switching circuit having shift registers (36) and data signal supply circuits using latches (21). Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use latches as taught by Warner in the device of Saito so as to temporary store data signal before outputting to the pixels as suggested by Warner.

Consider claims 18, 28, 37, and 40-41, Saito teaches using transistors in the driving circuit (Fig.6).

Consider claims 19, 29, 38 and 42. The display device of Saito is used in a projector for displaying information (column 2 lines 60-63).

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 20-26, 30-35, 43-49 are allowed.

7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record fails to teach an active matrix display device comprising a driving circuit including

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first to n-th register circuits, first to n-th digital data latch circuits having a first transistor, a second transistor, a resetting means, a digital data holding circuit connected in the manner as recited in the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

CONTACT INFORMATION

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kent Chang whose telephone number is 571-272-7667. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sumati Lefkowitz, can be reached at 571-272-3638.

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